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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY TO
12 ESTABLISH A CENTER FOR BORDER SECURITY TO PROVIDE EDUCATION,
13 TRAINING, RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE AGENCIES
14 AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS APPLYING FOR FEDERAL FUNDS TO COUNTER
15 BORDER VIOLENCE.

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17 WHEREAS, violence along the United States and Mexico
18 border is a major concern of citizens and governments of both
19 countries; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico, by virtue of location, culture,
21 language and heritage, is unique among the fifty states of the
22 union in its potential to address the concerns of border
23 violence and to work jointly with surrounding neighbors,
24 including Mexico; and

25 WHEREAS, New Mexico, New Mexico's neighbors and

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1 surrounding governmental and non-governmental organizations in
2 the region need to work together more effectively to better
3 protect citizens living along the border; and

4 WHEREAS, the New Mexico institute of mining and technology
5 is a public institution that serves the Hispanic population and
6 networks extensively with other institutions and state and
7 federal agencies for the advancement of science, technology and
8 education focused on protection of life, human rights and
9 property; and

10 WHEREAS, the New Mexico institute of mining and technology
11 currently contributes to the safety of the residents of New
12 Mexico, neighboring states and Mexico through its technical
13 assistance to and training support of the United States
14 department of homeland security's secure border initiative
15 network and first responder training and its partnership with
16 the international law enforcement academy in Roswell, which is
17 sponsored by the United States department of state; and

18 WHEREAS, the New Mexico institute of mining and technology
19 was recently awarded competitive funding by the United States
20 department of justice for the southern border training and
21 technical assistance project; and

22 WHEREAS, a center for border security can provide
23 education, training and technical assistance to local, state,
24 federal and foreign agencies and non-governmental organizations
25 for the protection of the rights and safety of New Mexico

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1 residents and New Mexico's neighbors, including Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, a center for border security can serve as a
3 vehicle for the New Mexico institute of mining and technology
4 and other partner institutions of higher education in the
5 region to act as a resource for relevant information on border
6 security and safety and a source of technical assistance in
7 countering border violence for New Mexico counties, communities
8 and state organizations that are located at the United States
9 and Mexico border; and

10 WHEREAS, a center for border security can collaborate
11 closely with state agencies such as the office of the attorney
12 general, the department of public safety and the homeland
13 security and emergency management department; and

14 WHEREAS, the New Mexico institute of mining and technology
15 has existing resources and funding, unique facilities and
16 exceptionally talented staff and faculty;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico institute of mining and
19 technology be requested to establish a center for border
20 security to partner with state and local organizations seeking
21 federal funds to counter violence at the United States and
22 Mexico border and to provide education, training, research and
23 technical assistance in order to garner more resources in the
24 effort to stem the violence along the United States and Mexico
25 border; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 transmitted to the governor, the attorney general, the
3 secretary of homeland security and emergency management, the
4 secretary of public safety and the board of regents of the New
5 Mexico institute of mining and technology.

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